

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph number [0015] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- **FIGs. 12-13 and 15** are sectional views illustrating fabrication stages for a stator in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention. --

Please replace paragraph number [0037] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The stator teeth comprise any structurally and electromagnetically appropriate material. In one embodiment, the stator teeth comprise laminated stator teeth and a material such as iron, for example. In another embodiment, the stator teeth comprise composite stator teeth and a material such as plastic coated iron particles, for example. In still another embodiment, the stator teeth comprise a combination of laminated and composite materials. In one aspect of the combination embodiment, as illustrated by FIG. 13, the stator teeth comprise discrete teeth (typically laminated) and tooth connectors 617 (typically composite) are provided between the stator teeth. Alternatively, as illustrated by FIG. 15, the stator teeth may collectively comprise an integral tooth body 619. --